

Minutes: City Council Meeting
September 8, 2014
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2014 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

City Council members present: Jimmy Scott; Doug Gibson; David Haley; David Powell; Danny Laster; Eugene Jefferson.

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; Police Chief Brian Atkinson; Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner; Donald Settle, Elkton Die Casting Technology and Community Center; Bill and Jackie Weathers; and, Frank McReynolds.

Mayor Camp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Jimmy Scott gave invocation.

After reviewing the August 11, 2014 council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the August 19, 2014 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp called for approval of the bills payable and financial reports. Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp called for public comments from guests.

Donald Settle updated the council on the cleanup of the Elkton Die Casting property. There is a potential renter of the foundry portion of the building. Mr. Settle gave the city a draft of the lease agreement to review and approve. He will be doing some cleanup in the foundry in the next few weeks and would like to have some testing done on the building after cleanup is complete. Mr. Settle thanked the council and left the meeting.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2014-7, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE YEAR 2014." Mr. Haley motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Camp announced funding is now available for Kentucky Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for transportation related projects. Clerk Brock reviewed how the funding could be spent and presented three potential projects. The projects include replacing sidewalks, burying utility lines and installing decorative lighting from Public Square down West Main Street to the corner of the Post Office; replacing sidewalks on West Main Street from Weathers Lane to the BP gas station at the intersection of S Streets Avenue; and, widen Goebel Avenue and install new sidewalks and curb and gutter on the north side of the street. The TAP funds would reimburse the city 80% of the cost of the projects. The estimated cost of all three project totals \$530,000, with \$424,000 in TAP funds and city funding totaling \$106,000. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to apply for TAP funding for all three projects. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp presented an Interlocal Agreement between the city and county regarding the Elk Fork Creek Debris Removal Project. After brief discussion, Mr. Scott motioned to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Terry Frogue reported concerns about the utility department involvement in the cleanup of the foundry at the Elkton Die Casting building. The fire department has agreed to use one of the pumper trucks to provide water for cleanup. After discussion, it was the consensus not to use the utility department crew or equipment during the cleanup.

Clerk Brock presented a proposal to start allowing utility bill payments online. The city's current credit card processing company will create a website for secure online payments and the city will have a link on our website to access the payment site. The fee to process the payments will be added onto the customer's bill. The only cost to the city would be a software upgrade in order to download payments into the billing software. This will cost a one-time fee of about \$945 and an annual maintenance fee of \$195. After some discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to accept utility bill payments online as proposed. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock expects to be able to accept payments online the first of the year.

Mayor Camp asked the council if they would like to contract with Ricchuite Enterprises for the annual leaf pickup at a cost of \$19,950. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to hire Ricchuite Enterprises for the leaf pickup as proposed. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock presented a proposal to accept the park entrance and drive as a city street. When she spoke with Harris and Harris Surveying about the survey for the right-of-way acceptance they suggested possibly surveying the entire drive and parking area for the city to accept. Normally, the city only accepts a 30-40' wide strip as the right-of-way. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to survey a 40' wide strip for the right-of-way and not include the parking area. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. The name of the street was briefly discussed with one possibility being named after Wilmon Moore, who donated the land for the park. No action was taken to name the street.

The October city council meeting falls on a legal holiday, Columbus Day. Therefore, the regular meeting will be held the ensuing Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7 PM per city ordinance §32.21.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Haley reported the park board is looking into repairing the gazebo at the park entrance. The park has contracted to repair and paint the tennis and basketball courts but work has not begun yet.

Mr. Laster called for Terry Frogue to report on the utility department. Mr. Frogue reported the plans for the sewer line extension to B White Road have been approved by the state. Construction on the line will begin in a few weeks. Frogue reported City Attorney Jeff Traughber sent the county a letter with the proposed water line and territory agreement. The only concern the county has is that they would like an actual map of the territory the city requested so it is clearly understood. Also, they would like the agreement to state the three existing county customers on B White Road will remain county customers "until they request annexation into the city." These few items will be worked on by the county and sent to the city for approval.

Mr. Powell called for a report from Fire Chief Waggoner. Chief Waggoner reported all the fire trucks received annual maintenance and pumps were tested. He reported when oil was drained from the 1990 Ford truck there was some water in it and the tank may need to be rebuilt. Chief Waggoner is also getting a quote for repairing the cascade system and expects the cost to be about \$1,700-\$2,000. Once the cost of these items are received, Powell, Waggoner, Clerk Brock and Mayor Camp will get together to see if the work can be done within the city's budget. Mr. Powell motioned to approve the repairs being made if they can be done within budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Mr. Jefferson called for a report from Police Chief Brian Atkinson. Chief Atkinson presented the monthly activity report. Atkinson also reported the city has been leasing Gerald Barnett's firing range for firearms training. However, Mr. Barnett has sold his property and we cannot use the range. In the next several months, Chief Atkinson, Sheriff and other local law enforcement agencies may get together and start planning and applying for grants for a regional training facility. Former Elkton Police Officer Drew DeGhetto has offered to let our department use his firing range in the interim.

Mr. Gibson reported a list of streets that need paving this year is in the works.

Mr. Scott reported the city mowing crew has been doing a good job and everything looks good.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Camp reported Todd County has the second lowest unemployment rate in the state.

Governor Steve Beshear will be in Trenton Wednesday for the new canola oil factory locating there.

Clerk Brock reported the city's South Streets Avenue Sidewalk and Drainage project has been approved to go to bid. The engineer's estimate to complete the entire project is about \$438,250. The city was originally awarded \$196,000 in federal funding and has been offered an additional \$130,000 to help complete the entire project. The city will have to commit to an additional \$32,500 in local match, bringing the city's total cost for the project to about \$81,500. The city has \$55,000 in the Revolving Fund budget for this project and the Revolving Fund has a balance of \$116,400. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve Resolution 2014-7, "RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET FOR \$130,000 INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH STREETS AVENUE SIDEWALKS PROJECT FOR TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$326,000." Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported receiving several complaints from citizens regarding travel trailers being parked on the street and in front yards.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer